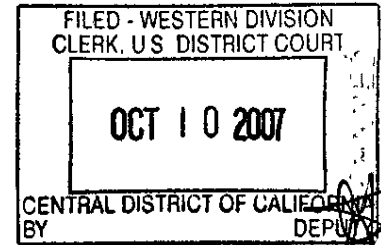
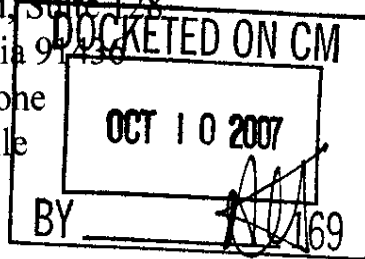


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9 JOSEPH A. RATKOVIC,
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 11 Plaintiffs,

12 vs.

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 14 NORTHROP GRUMMAN
 15 CORPORATION EMPLOYEE
 16 WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN, UNUM
 17 LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF
 18 AMERICA, METROPOLITAN LIFE
 19 INSURANCE COMPANY,

20 Defendants.

Case No. CV06-8255-MMM (JWJx)

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]
 ORDER CONTAINING THE BRIEFING
 SCHEDULE AND TRIAL DATE

21 WHEREAS, the parties have scheduled a Settlement Conference with Denise
 22 Madigan, Esq., of ADR Services to take place on November 9, 2007;

23 WHEREAS, the Court has scheduled briefing in this matter as follows:

24 Pre-Trial Conference scheduled for October 15, 2007;

25 Trial on the Administrative Record scheduled for November 13, 2007

26 The parties stipulate that the standard of review in this matter is abuse of
 27 discretion and therefore request that the Pre-Trial Conference be vacated. Due to
 28 plaintiff's counsel schedule and that of the mediator, the settlement conference was
 continued to from October 9, 2007 to November 9, 2007.

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1 WHEREAS, the parties wish to complete mediation, the parties request that
2 the Court continue the pre-trial and trial dates so that the parties may explore fully
3 the possibility of resolving this matter prior to trial

4 The parties hereby stipulate by and through their counsel of record that the
5 case management dates in this matter be extended approximately 45 days so that the
6 Settlement Conference before Ms. Madigan can proceed on November 9, 2007.

7 Dated: 10/7/07

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13 WELFARE BENEFITS PLAN, erroneously sued herein as
14 NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION
15 EMPLOYEE WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN

16 Dated: 10/8/07

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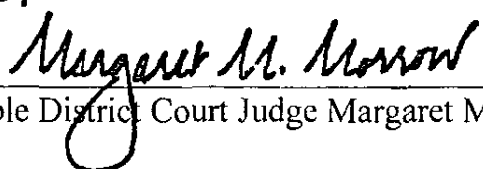
21 **ORDER**

22 IT IS SO ORDERED. The case management dates are hereby continued as
23 follows: SEE ATTACHMENT.

24 ~~Pre-Trial Conference of October 15, 2007, is hereby vacated;~~

25 ~~Trial date of November 13, 2007 is hereby continued to December 11, 2007.~~

26 Date: OCTOBER 10, 2007

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28 Honorable District Court Judge Margaret M. Morrow

ATTACHMENT

The case management dates are hereby continued as follows:

1. Pretrial Conference of October 15, 2007 is hereby vacated;
2. Trial date of November 13, 2007 is hereby vacated;
3. The date for filing opening trial briefs and defendant to file administrative record is December 11, 2007.
4. The date for filing responsive trial briefs is January 15, 2008.

If the court requires oral argument, it will set a hearing date following its review of the trial briefs.